

In the Specification:

Please replace the subtitle on page 1, line 4, with the following rewritten subtitle:

--Field of the Invention--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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21 --An operation of an embodiment of the present invention will be explained next. Figure 5 is a flow a chart showing the operation of this embodiment. The image data S0 generated by the image generating means 2 are input to the image processing apparatus 1 (Step S100). In the image processing apparatus 1, the face area extracting means 3 extracts the face area A1 of a figure (Step S200). The image data representing the face area A1 are the image data S1. The surrounding color density detecting means 4 detects the color density information H of the area surrounding the face area A1 (Step S300). Based on the color density information H, the adjusting means 5 adjusts the color density of the face area A1 as has been described above, and the processed image data S2 are obtained (Step S400). The processed image data S2 are output by the output means 6 (Step S500).--

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